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A Concluſion of the Surpriſing Story of MARTIN GUERRE.

THE *Shoemaker*, who uſed to make Shoes for *Martin Guerre*, depoſed, that *Martin*'s Foot reached to the *Twelfth Size*, whereas the Foot of the *Accuſed* reached no farther than the *Ninth*. Another ſwore, that *Martin Guerre* was very dextrous in Fencing and Wreſtling, whereas this Man knew nothing of the Matter. *John Eſpagnol*, who kept a Publick Houſe, declared, that the *Accuſed* acknowledged to him that he was not *Martin Guerre*. *Valentine Rougle* depoſed, that the Perſon accuſed, perceiving that he knew him to be *Arnold du Tilh*, made a Sign to him with his Finger, that he ſhould ſay nothing. *John de Liberos* depoſed to the ſame Effect, and added, that the Accuſed gave him two Handkerchiefs, with a ſtrict Charge to deliver one of them to *John du Tilh* his Brother. There were alſo ſome hearſay Evidences produced, which M. *Coras* ſays, tho' the Law does not admit when paſſing thro' ſeveral different Mouths, yet is conſidered when heard from the *Accuſed*, or the firſt Author. Two Perſons ſwore, that a *Soldier* of *Rochfort*, paſſing thro' *Artigues*, was ſurprized that the *Accuſed* called himſelf *Martin Guerre*, declaring aloud, that he was a notorious *Impoſtor*, for that *Martin Guerre* was in *Flanders*, and had a *wooden Leg*, in the Room of *one* he loſt before St. *Quintin*, in the Battle of St. *Laurence*. They conſidered alſo the Report that *Sanxi Guerre* did not at all reſemble the *Accuſed*. It was added, that *Martin Guerre* was a *Biſcayan*, where the Language is very different, not only from *French*, but from the *Gaſcoon*; but the *Accuſed* could not ſpeak the *Baſque*, tho' he took Pains to mingle a few Words with his *French*, uſing them with a viſible Affectation. There were alſo a Number of *Witneſſes* who depoſed, that *Arnold du Tilh* had from his Infancy the moſt wicked Inclinations, and that ſince he has been hardened in Wickedneſs, a great Pilferer and Swearer, a Defier of God, and a Blaſphemer; conſequently, every way capable of the Crime laid to his Charge, and that an obſtinate perſiſting to act a falſe Part, was exactly ſuitable to his Character. Theſe Circumſtances bore hard upon him.

On the other hand, there were *thirty* or *forty* Witneſſes, who ſwore that he was really *Martin Guerre*, that they knew him intimately, and remember'd him from his Childhood; among theſe, the *four* Siſters of *Martin Guerre*, who were all brought up with him, and who had all the Reputation of being Women of good Senſe; and two of their Husbands, Brothers in Law to *Martin Guerre*. Such as were preſent at the Nuptials of *Martin Guerre* and *Bertrande de Rols*, depoſed in Favour of the *Accuſed*; *Catherine Boere* in particular ſaid, that when ſhe carried the *Medianoche*, or what we call the *Sack-Poſſet*, after they were in Bed, ſhe ſaw *Bertrande*'s Spouſe, and that the Perſon now *accuſed* was the ſame. The greateſt Part of theſe Witneſſes agreed, that *Martin Guerre* had two Scars in his Face, that his left Eye was Blood-ſhot, the Nail of his firſt Finger grown in, that he had three Warts on his right Hand, and another on his little Finger; all which Marks the *Accuſed* had.

Other Witneſſes depoſed, that *Peter Guerre* and his Sons in Law had laid a Plot to ruin the Accuſed; that they had ſounded *John Loze*, the Conſul of *Palhos*, to know if he would advance Money for that End; that he refuſed, and told them that *Martin Guerre* was his Kinſman, and that he would rather give Money to ſave than undo him; that *Peter Guerre* and his Cabal proſecuted the Accuſed contrary to the Will of his Wife, and that many had heard him ſay that the Accuſed was *Martin Guerre*, and his Nephew.

Almoſt all the Witneſſes declared, that when the Accuſed arrived at *Artigues*, he ſaluted by Name all *Martin Guerre*'s familiar Acquaintance; that to thoſe who hardly remember'd him, he recalled to mind the Places where they had been, the Diverſions and Entertainments they had partaken, ten, fifteen, twenty Years back, as if they had newly happened; and what is more remarkable, made himſelf known to *Bertrande de Rols*, by reviving in her Memory the Myſteries of the Nuptial Bed, and other the moſt ſecret Circumſtances. He ſaid alſo, after the firſt Salute, 'Go look for my Taffety Breeches 'with the white Lining, which I left in a Cheſt.' She own'd the Matter of Fact, and ſaid ſhe found the Breeches in the Cheſt, not knowing they were there.

Paſquier ſays, that the Accuſed told, of himſelf, an Adventure that *Martin Guerre* met with in the Country where he went with his Wife. There were only two Beds, for *Martin*, his Wife, a Brother and a Siſter; the two Women lay in one, the two Men in the other; *Martin Guerre*, while his Bedfellow was aſleep, finding conjugal like other Love heightened by Difficulty, ſtole to his Wife, whom he found awake, and ---- went back to the other Bed before Day!

Add to this the perfect Reſemblance of the Accuſed to the Siſters of *Martin Guerre*, both in their Air and the Features of their Faces, ſo that thoſe who witneſs'd this, ſaid, Eggs were not more alike.

Moreover, what ought not to leave the leaſt Doubt, but ſet in a full Light all the Fraud and Malice of the Proſecutors, is the Behaviour of *Bertrande de Rols* herſelf towards the Accuſed at the Tryal. When ſhe was confronted with him, the Accuſed challenged her, upon the Solemnity of an Oath, to acknowledge him; made her Judge in her own Cauſe; told her that he ſubmitted to ſuffer Death, if ſhe would ſwear that he was not her Husband. But what Anſwer did ſhe make? Why, that ſhe would take no Oath, nor yet believe him. Was not this, as if ſhe had ſaid, 'Tho' I cannot deny the Truth, 'which ſpeaks for you, and condemns me, I am loth to ac-'knowledge it, tho' driven to it, becauſe I am gone too 'far to retreat.' As to her Behaviour towards the Accuſed before the Proſecution, ſhe lived with him near 4 Years without complaining. She behaved herſelf dutifully, as a Wife ought to a Husband under the endearing Ties of Matrimony; and thus it was pleaded in his Favour. Was this becauſe the Accuſed had ſo perfect a Conformity with *Martin Guerre*, that his Wife could not perceive the leaſt Difference? Was Nature ſo intent on making them reſemble one another, that ſhe reſolved the Wife ſhould not be able to find the Miſtake? In a Body ſo like, would ſhe lodge a Soul of the ſame Character? For *Bertrande* alledged no Difference at all in that Reſpect. When ſhe was told by Somebody that the Accuſed was not *Martin Guerre*, did ſhe not give him the Lye? Did ſhe not declare, that ſhe knew him better than Any-body, and that ſhe would murder thoſe who affirm'd the contrary? And to ſhew that it was not poſ-

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ſible ſhould be any other than *Martin Guerre*, did ſhe not ſay, That it was he, or the Devil in his Skin? How often did ſhe complain of *Peter Guerre* and his Wife, who is her Mother, becauſe they would force her to proſecute the Accuſed for an Impoſtor! Did not they threaten to drive her out of her Houſe, if ſhe did not come into their Meaſures? 'Tis plain therefore that ſhe is led aſide at preſent, and a Slave to the Paſſion of *Peter Guerre* and her Mother.

It was alledged further, that the Accuſed having been impriſoned by the Seneſchal of *Thoulouſe* at the Suit of *John d'Eſcornebeuf*, who was privately inſtigated thereto by *Peter Guerre*, it was confidently objected to him, that he was not *Martin Guerre*; and *Bertrande de Rols* complain'd that *Peter Guerre* and his Wife were continually ſolliciting her to enter a Proſecution againſt the Accuſed in her own Name, to have him convicted of a Capital Crime. Being acquitted by the Seneſchal's pronouncing a Sentence of Diſagreement (*un Appointement de Contrariete*) and returning home, his Wife (as he call'd her) receiv'd him with all poſſible Kindneſs, gave him a new Shirt, waſhed his Feet, and went to Bed to him, as uſual; and yet the next Morning he was hurried to Priſon by *Peter Guerre*, by Virtue of a Paper ſigned by her the Night before, even the Night in which ſhe had expreſſed all this Fondneſs for him; nay, ſhe had diſcovered her Tenderneſs ſince his being in Priſon, by ſending him Money and Cloaths.

It would be too tedious to inſert at large the *Pleadings* of the *Lawyers* on this very perplexed Affair. Never were any Arguings more Elegant, delivered with greater Energy, or more Charming than thoſe of the *Advocates* on each Side, as they are cited by M. *Coras*, the original *Reporter* of this *Caſe*; but after all their Harangues, the *Parliament* was ſtill in Doubt, and at laſt, conſidering the Nicety of the Caſe, and the Conſequence of annulling a *Marriage*, and illagitimating a *Child*, they began to incline to the Part of the *Accuſed*, and had Thoughts of reverſing the *Judgment* of the *inferior Judge*.

While the Parliament were puzzling themſelves what Sentence to give, of a ſudden, as if he had dropped out of the Clouds, or rather had been led thither by an immediate Interpoſition of Providence, *Martin Guerre* himſelf appeared, having a *wooden Leg*, as the Soldier had related; he ſet forth in his Petition a diſtinct Account of the *Impoſtor* who had taken his Name, and demanded to be heard. The *Court* hereupon ordered that he ſhould be kept in *ſafe Cuſtody*, and that he ſhould be confronted with the *Accuſed*, with *Bertrande de Rols*, his *Siſters*, and the principal *Witneſſes* for the *Accuſed*. He was interrogated on the ſame *Facts* as the *Accuſed* had been, and his Anſwers were true indeed; but neither ſo clear, nor ſo particular as thoſe given by the *Accuſed*. Being confronted, *Arnold du Tilh* behaved in ſuch a manner, as ſtruck the whole *Aſſembly* with Amazement; he treated *Martin Guerre* as an *Impoſtor*, as a Fellow ſuborn'd by *Peter Guerre*; nay, he confidently declared, that he *would be content to be hanged, if he did not unravel the whole Myſtery, and prove all his Enemies Cheats*. He then, with the ſame Aſſurance, asked *Martin Guerre* abundance of Queſtions, as to ſeveral Tranſactions in his Family, to which *Martin* anſwer'd but faintly, and with ſome Confuſion. The *Commiſſioners* directing *Arnold* to withdraw, put ſeveral Queſtions to *Martin* that were new, and his Anſwers were very full and ſatisfactory; then they called for *Arnold du Tilh* again, and queſtion'd him as to the ſame *Points*, and he anſwered with the ſame Exactneſs: So that ſome began to think there was *Witchcraft* in the Caſe.

The *Court* reſolving to clear up the Truth, directed, that now both the *Perſons* were *preſent*, the *four* Siſters of *Martin Guerre*, the Husbands of two of them, *Peter Guerre*, the Brothers of *Arnold du Tilh*, and the chief of thoſe Witneſſes who were obſtinate in owning him for *Martin Guerre*, ſhould be called in, and obliged to fix on the true *Martin*. Accordingly all theſe Perſons appeared, except the Brothers of *Arnold du Tilh*, whom neither the Injunctions nor Threatnings could force to Court; which being reported, they were excuſed, it ſeeming an Act of Inhumanity to oblige them to depoſe againſt ſo near a Relation; but this Refuſal to appear, made againſt him. The *firſt* who drew near was the *eldeſt* of the two *Siſters*, who, after ſhe had looked a Moment, ran to *Martin Guerre*, embraced him with Tears, and cry'd, 'Oh! my Brother *Martin Guerre*, 'I acknowledge the Error into which this abominable 'Traitor (pointing to *Arnold*) drew me and all the In-'habitants of *Artigues*.' *Martin* mingled his Tears with his *Siſters*, receiving her Embraces with the utmoſt Affection. All the reſt likewiſe knew him, even the Witneſſes who had been moſt poſitive.

At laſt *Bertrande de Rols* was called in: She had no ſooner caſt her Eyes on *Martin Guerre*, but burſting into Tears, and trembling like a Leaf, ſhe ran to embrace him, and begg'd Pardon for ſuffering herſelf to be ſeduced by the Artifices of a Wretch. She then pleaded for herſelf in the moſt innocent and artleſs Manner: That ſhe had been led away by his credulous Siſters, who had owned the *Impoſtor*; that the ſtrong Paſſion ſhe had for him, and her ardent Deſire to ſee him again, helped on the Cheat, in which ſhe was confirmed by the Tokens that Traitor had given, and the Recital of ſo many Particularities, which could be known only to her Husband; that aſſoon as her Eyes were open, ſhe wiſh'd that the Horrors of Death might hide thoſe of her Fault; and that ſhe had laid violent Hands on herſelf, if the Fear of God had not with-held her; that not being able to bear the dreadful Thought of having loſt her Honour and Reputation, ſhe had Recourſe to Vengeance, and put the *Impoſtor* in the Hands of Juſtice, and proſecuted him ſo vigorouſly, that he had been condemned to loſe his Head, and to have his Body divided into four Quarters; and that ſhe had not in the leaſt relented in her Zeal to proſecute him, ſince his Appeal from that Sentence.

Martin Guerre, who had been ſo ſenſible of the Teſtimonies of the Love, Friendſhip and Tenderneſs given him by his Siſters, remained wholly unmoved by theſe Excuſes of his Wife; he heard her indeed without Interruption, but when ſhe had done, with an Air of Contempt and Reſentment, he ſaid, 'You may ceaſe weep-'ing, my Heart can never be moved by your Tears, in 'vain you pretend to juſtify yourſelf from the Conduct 'of my Siſters and Uncle; a Wife has more Ways of 'knowing a Husband, than a Father, a Mother, and all 'his Relations put together; nor is it poſſible ſhe ſhould 'be impoſed on, unleſs ſhe has an Inclination to be de-'ceived; you are the ſole Cauſe of the Misfortunes of 'my Family, and I ſhall never impute my Diſgrace to 'any but you.' The Commiſſioners endeavoured to enforce what the unfortunate *Bertrande de Rols* had ſaid, in order to make her Husband comprehend her Innocence; but he, perſiſting in a ſullen Air of Indifference, ſhewed plainly enough that his Anger was ſuch as Time only could efface. We are not told how *Arnold du Tilh* behaved on this Diſcovery; but it is moſt probable, that he ſtood it out with his uſual Impudence, ſince it is certain he did not confeſs the Truth of what was laid to his Charge 'til after his Return to *Artigues*.

All Doubts being now cleared, the Court, after mature Deliberation, pronounced the following Sentence.

UPON reviewing the Proceſs *before the* Criminal Judge *of* Rieux, *againſt* Arnold du Tilh, *called* Panſette, *but aſſerting himſelf to be* Martin Guerre, *Priſoner in the* Conciergerie; *and appealing from the Judgment*, &c. *Which Appeal being received and heard, and the ſaid* Arnold du Tilh *appearing to be guilty, this Court hath thought fit to declare the ſame; and for the Puniſhment and Reparation of the Impoſture, Fraud, Aſſumption of a falſe Name and Perſon, Adultery, Rape, Sacrilege, Plagiatiſm, Theft, and other Crimes of the ſaid* du Tilh *ſet forth in the ſaid* Proceſs, *the Court hath condemned, and doth condemn him the ſaid* du Tilh *to make* Amende honorable *in the Market Place of* Artigues, *in his Shirt, his Head and Feet bare, a Halter about his Neck, and holding in his Hands a*

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lighted waxen Torch, to demand Pardon of GOD, the King, and the Juſtice of the Nation, of the ſaid Martin Guerre *and* de Rols *his Wife; and this being done, the ſaid* du Tilh *ſhall be delivered into the Hands of the* Capital Executioner, *who, after making him paſs through the Streets, and other publick Places in the ſaid Town of* Artigues, *with a Rope about his Neck, at laſt ſhall bring him before the Houſe of the ſaid* Martin Guerre, *where, on a* Gallows *ſet up for that Purpoſe, he ſhall be hanged and ſtrangled, and afterwards his Body ſhall be burnt. And for certain Cauſes and Conſiderations thereunto moving, this Court hath ordained, and does hereby ordain, that all the Effects of the ſaid* du Tilh, *ſhall belong to, and be the Property of the* Daughter *begotten by him on the* Body *of the ſaid* Bertrande de Rols, *under Colour of a Marriage by him falſely pretended, in aſſuming and taking upon himſelf to be the ſaid* Martin Guerre, *by Means whereof he deceived the ſaid* de Rols, *and broke thro' all the Laws of Equity and Juſtice. And the ſaid* Court *has diſcharged, and does hereby diſcharge from farther Attendance thereon, the ſaid* Martin Guerre, *and* Bertrande de Rols, *and alſo* Peter Guerre, *Uncle of the ſaid* Martin; *and has returned, and does hereby return the ſaid* du Tilh *into Hands of the ſaid* Judge *of* Rieux, *that he may cauſe to be put in Execution this* Sentence, *according to the Form and Tenor thereof,* Pronounced judicially, *this* Twelfth *Day of* September, 1560.

Monſieur *De Coras*, the Reporter of this Caſe, obſerves, that the Sentence of the *Criminal Judge* of *Rieux* was invalid, by reaſon of the Puniſhment therein inflicted; becauſe by *Decapitation* or *Beheading*, to which he condemned *Arnold du Tilh*, only Perſons of Diſtinction are to be put to Death; nay, a Theft, or a Treachery of ſuch a Nature as deſerves a capital Puniſhment, when committed by a Perſon of noble Extraction, requires no better Inſtrument than the *Gallows*; only the *Gibbet*, in ſuch a Caſe, is to be raiſed a little higher than ordinary.

In this Sentence of *Arnold du Tilh*, it is remarkable, that no leſs than *ſeven* very high and enormous Crimes are mentioned: [1] Aſſuming a falſe Name, [2] Pretending to be another Perſon, [3] Adultery, [4] Rape, [5] Sacrilege, [6] Theft, [7] Plagiariſm: This laſt Crime is conſtituted by the Civil Law, and is committed when one detains a Perſon who is the Property of, or belongs to another; as alſo when a Perſon diſpoſes of a Freeman, and either buys or ſells him for a Slave.

It is remarkable that the Effects of *Arnold du Tilh* are adjudged to his Daughter by *Bertrande de Rols*, on account of the Mother's upright Meaning; and the *French* Lawyers have reported various Caſes of the like Nature. As for Example, where a Man married a *ſecond* Wife, the *firſt* being alive, and being ignorant thereof, in Failure of Iſſue by the *firſt* Match, the *Inheritance* was given to the *Children* by the *latter*, tho' the *Marriage* was not ſtrictly *legal*.

Monſieur de *Coras* ſays, that the *Court*, in drawing up this Sentence, was chiefly embarraſſed on this Head, *viz.* How far *Martin Guerre* and *Bertrande de Rols* his Wife, were guilty of breaking the Laws, and thereby liable to Cenſure. As to *Martin Guerre*, it was ſaid, that his abandoning his Wife was the Original Cauſe of all this Miſchief; but what bore hardeſt upon him, was, his having carried Arms againſt his Prince, at the Battle of St. *Laurence*, where he loſt his Leg by a Cannon-Shot. As to the *firſt*, the Court were of Opinion, that as *Martin* acted rather from Levity than Malice, and as the Miſchief complain'd of flowed from a Mixture of other Cauſes, his leaving his Wife, if it was a Crime, deſerved not to be enquired into by any Court on this Side of the Grave, but ought to be left to the Deciſion of that great Day, wherein all Hearts ſhall be open, and all Secrets known. As to the *ſecond*, it did not appear that his ſerving againſt his Prince was a voluntary Act. For going into *Spain*, he entered into the Service of the Cardinal *de Burgos*, and afterwards into that of a Brother's of the *Cardinal*'s, who carried him into *Flanders*, where he was obliged to go, whether he would or not, with his Maſter, into the Army; and as in the Battle he loſt his Leg, it ſeemed to them a ſufficient Puniſhment for his committing an Offence againſt his Will.

In Regard to *Bertrande de Rols*, her Guilt was thought more apparent. That a Woman ſhould be deceived in her Husband, was a Propoſition that few could digeſt. It appeared very odd and unaccountable, that the Notice thoſe, ſo ſtrictly united, uſually take of each other's Perſon, ſhould not furniſh her with Marks whereby to know the *Impoſtor* from her Spouſe; and that ſhe ſhould never diſcover, in their ſecret Converſations, any Ignorance in him, or want of Remembrance, as to material Points, which might have happened in their Family Affairs. Yet the Character of the Woman, in point of Modeſty and Prudence, the acquieſcing of the *four* Siſters of *Martin Guerre*, the reſt of his Relations, beſides a Multitude of other Perſons in the Town of *Artigues* who were all deceived as well as ſhe; the ſurpriſing Likeneſs between her Husband and this Man, aſſuming his Name, and the wonderful Agreement of the ſeveral Marks on each of their Bodies, joined to that ſtanding Maxim in the Law, that *In a doubtful Caſe Innocence is to be preſumed*, at laſt determined the *Court* to acquit and diſcharge her.

In order to the Execution of the Sentence, *Arnold du Tilh* was carried back to *Artigues*; he was there examined in Priſon by the *Criminal Judge* of *Rieux*, who firſt condemned him, on *September* 16, 1560, and made a very long and exact Confeſſion: He acknowledg'd that he was determined to commit this Crime, by an Accident. Coming from the *Camp* in *Picardy*, he was taken for *Martin Guerre*, by ſome of his (*Martin*'s) Friends; from them he learned abundance of Circumſtances concerning *Martin*'s Father, Wife, Siſter, and other Relations, and of every Thing he had done before he left that Country. Theſe new Lights, added to the Materials he had obtained from *Martin Guerre* himſelf, in a Multitude of Converſations, put it fully in his Power to carry on the Cheat he had projected, in the artful Manner he did. He denied however his making uſe of any *Charms*, or other *magical Tricks*, for the Furtherance of his Deſigns; he owned a great many other Crimes, which he had committed, and perſiſted in every Point of his Confeſſion, when it was read over to him. At the Foot of the Gallows, erected over-againſt the Houſe of *Martin Guerre*, he, in the moſt humble Manner, asked Pardon of him, and of his Wife; appeared a moſt hearty and ſincere Penitent, teſtify'd the moſt lively Grief for the Offences he had committed, and finally continued, as long as he had Life, to implore the Mercy of God, thro' Jeſus Chriſt his Son.

WILLIAMSBURG, December 7.

ADVERTISEMENT.

WHEREAS Two FAIRS are appointed to be held in this City Yearly, *viz.* on the 23d of *April*, and on the 12th of *December*, out of a laudable Deſign to encourage the Trade thereof, and to be a Means of promoting a general Commerce or Traffick among Perſons that want to buy or ſell, either the Product or Manufactures of the Country, or any other Sorts of Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes: But as this Intention, like many others that are new and uncommon, has not met with the deſired Succeſs, for want of ſufficient Tryal and Experiment; It has been taken into Conſideration, by the Gentlemen and other Inhabitants of the ſaid City; and they have, by a voluntary Contribution, raiſed a Sum of Money to be appropriated in ſuch Manner, and to ſuch Uſes, as ſhall ſeem moſt conducive to the deſired End,

IT is therefore Agreed upon, and Ordered, That the following Sums of Money ſhall be given as *Bounties*, at the next FAIR, to be held at *Williamsburg*, on the 12th Inſtant, *viz.*

TO

TO the Perſon that brings moſt Horſes to the ſaid FAIR, and there offers them to Publick Sale, at a reaſonable Price, there ſhall be paid him, as a Bounty, (whether he ſells them, or not,) a Piſtole.

TO the Perſon that brings the beſt Draught Horſe for Sale, as aforeſaid, a good Horſe-whip ſhall be given.

TO the Perſon that brings moſt Cows, Steers, or other horned Cattle, and there offers them for Sale, as aforeſaid, a Piſtole ſhall be given.

TO the Perſon that brings moſt Sheep, and there offers them for Sale, as aforeſaid, for each Sheep, Six Pence ſhall be given.

TO the Perſon that brings moſt fat Hogs, and there offers them for Sale, as aforeſaid, for each Hog, Eight Pence ſhall be given.

AND that ſuitable Encouragement ſhall be given to all Perſons that ſhall bring any Sorts of Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, and offers them to Sale, as aforeſaid, in the Place where the FAIR is uſually held.

N. B. None of theſe *Bounties* are intended to be given for the Stocks of Cattle, &c. that belong to *Williamſburg*.

Pens will be prepar'd, for keeping up Sheep, Hogs, &c. in the Fair.

AND for the *Entertainment* and *Diverſion* of all Gentlemen and others, that ſhall reſort thereto, the following PRIZES are given to be contended for, at the Fair, *viz.*

A good Hat to be Cudgell'd for; and to be given to the Perſon that fairly wins it, by the common Rules of Play.

A Saddle of 40 *s.* Value, to be run for, once round the Mile Courſe, adjacent to this City, by any Horſe, Mare or Gelding, carrying Horſeman's Weight, and allowing Weight for Inches. A handſome Bridle to be given to the Horſe that comes in Second. And a good Whip to the Horſe that comes in Third.

A Pair of Silver Buckles, Value 20 *s.* to be run for by Men, from the *College* to the *Capitol*. A Pair of Shoes to be given to him that comes in Second. And a Pair of Gloves to the Third.

A Pair of Pumps to be danc'd for by Men.

A handſome Firelock to be exercis'd for; and given to the Perſon that performs the Manual Exerciſe beſt.

A Pig, with his Tail ſoap'd, to be run after; and to be given to the Perſon that catches him, and lifts him off the Ground fairly by the Tail.

There will be ſeveral other Prizes given: And as the Fair is to hold Three Days, there will be Horſe-racing, and a Variety of Diverſions every Day; and the Prizes not here particularly mentioned, (for want of Room) will be then publickly declared, and appropriated in the beſt Manner.

The Horſes that run for the Saddle, are to be Enter'd before Ten o'Clock on *Wedneſday* Morning next, with Mr. *Henry Bowcock*, in *Williamsburg*; thoſe that are not Contributors, to pay 2 *s.* 6 *d.* at Entrance. The Horſe that wins the Saddle, not to run for any other Prize this Fair.

Proper Perſons will be appointed to have the Direction and Management of the Fair, and to decide any Controverſies that may happen, in relation to the Bounties and Prizes to be beſtowed.

Laſt Saturday arriv'd in *James* River, the Sloop *Charming Anne*, Capt. *Taylor* (belonging to Col. *Benjamin Harriſon*) from *Jamaica*: By whom we hear that Admiral *Vernon* was arriv'd in thoſe Parts, with 6 or 7 Men of War. That His Majeſty's Ships have taken ſeveral *Spaniſh* Veſſels, and carry'd them into that Iſland. That 6 or 7 Privateers were fitted out from thence; but none of them were yet return'd: And that ſo many Sailors had left their Ships, and were gone a Privateering, from that Iſland, that there was not Men enough left to navigate the Veſſels that were there; by which Means ſeveral Ships had been detain'd there ſome Time after they were loaden, and ready to ſail.

We hear from *Philadelphia*, That a fine new Sloop was lately launch'd there, which had been but Six Weeks on the Stocks; that ſhe was ſoon to be fitted out to Sea, with 10 Carriage and 10 Swivel Guns, and 100 Men.

No Ship is yet arriv'd here from Europe; *nor any News from the* Norward.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

November 30, 1739.

RAN away from the Hon. John Carter, *Eſq; of* Shirly, *in* Charles City *County, on the Nineteenth Inſtant, a Servant Man, named* Charles Pickford: *He is an* Engliſhman *born, about* 25 *Years of Age, of a fair Complexion, a middle Stature, but ſquare and well-ſet, and is a Bricklayer by Trade. He had on, when he went away, a handſome Drugget Coat, Waſtecoat, and Breeches, of a Lead Colour, and a Scarlet Veſt trimm'd with Plate Buttons, wears a very good light brown Wigg, has a large Pair of plain Silver Buckles, and his Head is inclin'd to be bald. He was mounted on a white Horſe, branded on the near Buttock thus* C. *Whoever apprehends the ſaid Servant, and brings him to his aboveſaid Maſter, ſhall be handſomely rewarded, beſides what the Law allows.*

WHEREAS one John Collins, *of* Prince George *County, did, on the* 14*th of* November *laſt, feloniouſly ſteal from* Matthew Mayes, *Junior, of the ſaid County, the following Goods,* viz. *One new fine Hat valued at Twenty Shillings, one Dimetty Jacket, one fine Shirt, one Pair of ſmooth white Metal-Knee Buckles, one Pair of Silver Sleeve Buttons mark'd* M M, *one Lancet, one Buck-horn handled Knife with a Mohawk, one worſted Cap, one Pair of Yarn Mittens, one Hank of Silk, one Muſlin Stock, one Pair of double channel'd Pumps, one Razor, one Holland Handkerchief, three Papers of Pins, a Paper of Needles, four Skains of Thread, three Yards of broad Tape, two or three Shillings in a Leather Purſe, about four Pounds in Gold, and the Colours of a Foot Company, and hath ſince fled from Juſtice, He is an* Iriſhman, *of ſhort Stature, with ſhort yellowiſh colour'd Hair; has a large Scar on the End of his Noſe; and had on, when he went away, a dark colour'd Duroy Coat. Theſe are therefore to deſire all Perſons to be diligent in apprehending the ſaid Felon; and whoever ſhall apprehend him, ſo that he be brought to Juſtice, ſhall have a Piſtole Reward, paid by* Matthew Mayes, *Jun.*

N. B. *The ſaid* Collins *hath chang'd his Name to* John Butler, *ſince he committed the above Robbery.*

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